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FISH AND SHELLFISH LANDINGS AT GULF PORTS DURING FEBRUARY

During February, 14,422 barrels of shrimp were landed at the principal production points in Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, and Texas, according to figures supplied to the New Orleans Fishery Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, and released today in their monthly summary report. Compared with January, this represents a decrease of 10,121 barrels, or 41 percent.

Of the February total, 6,226 barrels were reported for canning, while the remainder--8,196 barrels--was either frozen or used fresh.

A total of 152,055 barrels of oysters were harvested during February. When compared with the January figure of 171,527 barrels, this represents a decrease of 19,472 barrels, or 11 percent. Of the February total, 128,169 barrels were utilized for canning and the remainder of 23,886 barrels was sold fresh.

Oysters are listed in State barrels of the respective States, capacities of which are: Alabama and Mississippi, 8,478.6 cubic inches; Louisiana, 6,445.4 cubic inches; and Texas, 8,100.0 cubic inches. Shrimp, according to the summary, are listed with heads on in 210-lb. barrels, the equivalent of 125 pounds with heads off.

Additional fishery products landed included hard crabs (207,650 pounds); crab meat (12,270 pounds); other shellfish (including crayfish, frogs, sea turtles, squid, and turtles) 12,070 pounds.

Salt-water fish landings, mainly red snapper, mullet, red drum, and grouper, amounted to 440,130 pounds--an increase of 123,390 pounds over the landings for January.

Fresh-water fish landings, mainly catfish and buffalofish, totaled 70,160 pounds.

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